profiles of the main actors involved in this activity, understand the demand-side dynamics of illegally mined coal in different sectors, explore and suggest mitigation strategies rooted in social acceptability economic viability, environmental sustainability and practical implementability, extant, spread and severity of the problem etc.

Jharkhand Govt. has requested CIL to bear the expenditure CIL has agreed in principle to provide the financial support for the study.

New telephone exchanges

1810. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to open new telephone exchanges in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir, New telephone exchanges are opened on need basis.

(b) Details of new telephone exchanges proposed for setting up during 2006-07 by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) BSNL has plan to open two landline exchanges at Bhatolikalan and Malkumajra in Baddi area of Solan Secondary Switching Area (SSA).

Statement

Circle wise details of setting up of new exchanges during 2006-07 in BSNL

Sl.No.	Circle	Proposal of setting up new exchanges	Already set up
	BSNL		
1	Andman & Nicobar	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0
3	Bihar	41	8
4	Chhattisgarh	3	1
5	Gujarat	3	2
6	Assam	0	0
7	Haryana	7	7
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	0
9	Jammu & Kashmir	10	4
10	Jharkhand	3	2
11	Karnataka	14	0
12	Kerala	9	9
13	Madhya Pradesh	6	4
14	Maharashtra	17	9
15	North East-I	3	0
16	North East-II	6	1
17	Orissa	6	1
18	Punjab	6	0
19	Rajasthan	3	3
20	Tamil Nadu	7	5
21	Uttar Pradesh (E)	0	0
22	Uttar Pradesh (W)	0	0
23	Uttaranchal	7	0
24	West Bengal	9	9
25	Kolkata	24	16
26	Chennai	5	4
	TOTAL (BSNL):	**191**	**85**
	MTNL		
27	Delhi	Nil	Nil
28	Mumbai	9	5